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INTRODUCTION.

To the Chairman and Members of the Stocksbridge Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

Herewith, I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of your District for the year 1894.

There are two very pleasing features in it, namely, a decrease in the Infant Mortality, and a very small number of cases of Infectious Disease.

The district as a whole, is in a good sanitary condition, and will compare favourably with any of the neighbouring districts.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for having decided to open the Isolation Hospital for cases of Infectious disease, besides Small Pox—it will be a great aid to the health of the district.

In conclusion let me thank you for having aided me in my work in the past, and assure you that in the future I shall do all in my power to maintain the Health of your district.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. M. ROBERTSHAW.

STOCKSBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1894,

Population.	1891	Estimated 1894.
Wortley Union portion of District	4583	4901
Penistone Union ditto	1094	1166
Total	5677	6067

Year.	Population as per Census.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Deaths under 5 years.	Births
1891	5677 (Census)	110=19·3 per 1000	27=26·3 %	38=34·5 %	264
1894	6067 (Estimated)	119=19·6 per 1000	34=28·5 %	57=47·8 %	229

Births.—During year 1894 there have been 229 Births showing a decrease of 4 as compared with the previous year (1893).

Deaths.—There have been 119 Deaths in this District in year 1894, this being an increase of 11 on last year's number. Diseases affecting the Respiratory system, especially Phthisis are mainly accountable for this increase.

General Death Rate.—The population being estimated at 6067 the death rate is 19·6 per 1000 which unfortunately is an increase on last year's rate of 17 per 1000

The following table will be useful for the sake of comparison :—

Year.	Number of Deaths.	Death Rate.
1889	139	25·3 per 1000.
1890	107	19·2 do.
1891	110	19·3 do.
1892	113	19·5 do.
1893	108	17·9 do.
1894	119	19·6 do.

Infant Mortality.—It is with pleasure that I am able to report to you a decrease in the Infant Mortality of your district, whereas last year 35 or 32·4 o/o of the deaths were of children under 1 year, this year only 34 or 28·5 o/o of the deaths were of infants of that age.

The same satisfactory state of affairs holds good with regard to children under 5 years of age. In 1893 there were 53 or 49 o/o died under that age, whereas in 1894 the number was 57 or 47·8 o/o.

This I attribute to the comparative freedom from Infectious disease which we have enjoyed during the past year.

Zymotic Diseases.—It will be seen from table B, that only 9 cases of notifiable Zymotic disease occurred in the district of which only 1 was fatal (Croup)

Measles was responsible for 5 deaths.

Two deaths were due to Diarrhoea.

Deaths from other Diseases.

Phthisis.—A considerable number of deaths attributed to this disease are produced by the inhalation of gannister dust at the works of Lowood & Co, at Deepcar, so that true Tubercular Phthisis is not so frequent as it would seem to be.

Other pulmonary diseases are by far the most frequent cause of death in this district as will be seen from Table A.

Cancer was responsible for 6 deaths which is a circumstance worthy of note.

Notification of Infectious Disease.—Under the provisions of the “ Notification of Infectious Diseases Act,” 9 cases were reported by the Medical men in the neighbourhood. They were :—

Scarlatina 1

Membranous Croup ... 1

Enteric Fever 4

Erysipelas 3

This is a great improvement on last year when not less than 36 cases were reported.

Sanitary Work.—An account of the Sanitary Work of the year will be found in Table C. Although I have nothing to specially report on now, I shall have, in my report at the end of this year, as important changes are pending.

W. M. ROBERTSHAW,

M. B. & C. M.

Medical Officer of Health.





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(A)

Table of DEATHS during the Year 1894, in the Urban Sanitary Districts of the County of Derby.
Diseases, Ages, &c.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics ; public institutions being shown as seperate localities. <i>(Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)</i> (a)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.							Smallpox.	Mortality from
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and up-wards		
(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)		
THAT PORTION OF THE DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE WORTLEY UNION	97	27	19	6	6	28	11	Under 5 5 upwds	
THAT PORTION OF THE DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE PENISTONE UNION	22	7	4	1	2	5	3	Under 5 5 upwds.	
TOTALS	119	34	23	7	8	33	14	Under 5 5 upwds.	

Sanitary District of STOCKSBRIDGE classified according to Localities.

FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.					Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Ague.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia. and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	Total.		
	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.																	
									4						23	1		19	47		
									1					18	9	1		21	50		
1											2				5			3	11		
														2				9	11		
1									4		2				28	1		22	58		
									1					20	9	1		30	61		

K2 11. Table of Population, Births, and of New Cases of Infectious Sickness, compared with the Census of 1891, Stocksbridge Urban Sanitary District, classed by Localities.
(B)

<p>NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities.</p> <p>(a)</p>	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.		Registered Births:	Aged under 5 or over 5	New Cases of Sickness known to knowledge of the Registrar				
	Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1894			1	2	3	4	5
	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	Smallpox.	Scarlatina	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Tubercle.
WORTLEY UNION LOCALITY.	4583	4901	183	Under 5 5 upwds					
PENISTONE UNION LOCALITY.	1094	1166	46	Under 5 5 upwds.				1	
TOTALS.	5677	6067	229	Under 5 5 upwds		1		1	

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory.

No cases were removed to Isolation Hospital in 1894.

Isolation Hospital is in the district.

the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1894, in the
according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Each Locality, coming to the Medical Officer of Health.							Number of such Cases Removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.												
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
FEVERS.			Cholera.	Erysipelas.			Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.			Cholera.	Erysipelas.				
Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.									Typus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.				
				1															
				2															
				3															

ery in the District, Yes. Since when? 1890.

ey Union locality of the District, and about 1 mile distant from the Council Room.

STOCKSBRIDGE

URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.



INSPECTOR'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31st, 1894.

Area—4334 Acres.

Population end of 1894—Estimated over 6000.

Houses erected during the year—20.

Houses, total number—About 1170.

Infectious Diseases. Cases reported by Medical practitioners.

Typhoid or Enteric Fever	...	4
Scarlatina	1
Membranous Croup	1
Erysipelas	3
Total	9

Visited. Premises inspected and Instructions printed, and verbal, given,
and Schools advised.

Registered Milk Dealers—10.

Farm premises inspected.

Slaughter Houses inspected—5.

Works inspected under Factory Act 1891—

Lodging Houses registered—1.

Overcrowding cases reported and abated—2.

Other Nuisances reported—20. Abated—17. viz :-

Ash-pits— 8 Privy—1. Drainage—2. Cellars—2.

Animals, manure, &c.—4.

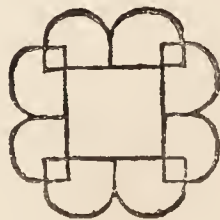
Destruction of and Compensation for Bedding. Fever case—1.

Water Main Extension.

To Hunshelf Bank whereby a long felt want of water to 5 farm houses and 12 scattered cottages will be relieved early in Spring.

Code of Bye-laws finally agreed upon by Local Government Board and the Local Board, will be in force early in the ensuing year by which the control of new buildings (erection) will be secured.

J. MARSDEN, Inspector.



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TABLE C. 1894.

Stocksbridge Urban Sanitary District.

Medical Officer of Health.—W. M. ROBERTSHAW, M.B. &c.
(Univ. Edin.)

Terms of appointment—1 year. Salary £25.

Special Reports presented during 1894—None.

Sanitary Inspector.—Mr. J. MARSDEN. Salary £30.

Rateable value (1894) for Poor Rate—£18,921 8s. 8d.

„ „ „ General District Rate—£15,785 14s. 3d.

General District Rate (1894-5) 2s. in the Pound.

Water Supply—

Any extension or change during 1894—Extension up Hunshelf Bank to supply about 20 houses.

Average daily consumption per head—20 Gallons.

Action on lead—None.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—

Extension or Improvements during 1894—None: new scheme under consideration.

Scavenging—

Are the privy middens, &c, cleansed by sanitary staff by contractors, or by tenants—By contractors

Frequency—Monthly Annual Cost—£150.

Is the present arrangement satisfactory—Yes.

Bye-laws, Regulations, and Adoptive Acts—

Infectious Disease Notification Act, 1889—Adopted 1890.

Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890—Not adopted.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890—Not adopted.

Regulations under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Orders—
Not adopted.

Building Byelaws—Come into force in 1895.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	Number.		General Condition	Legal Proceedings (if any.)
	Reg	Inspec		
Common Lodging Houses	1	1	Satisfactory	None
Canal Boats				
Slaughter Houses	5	5	"	"
Bakehouses	1	1	"	"
{ Dairies... ..	10	10	"	"
{ Cowsheds				
{ Milkshops				
Offensive Trades				

Schemes before L. G. B.—Code of Bye Laws.

L. G. B. Enquiries—None.

L. G. B. Inspections—None.

Births—

(a) Number of each sex—Male 118; Female, 111.

(b) Number Illegitimate—Not notified.

Deaths—

(a) Number of each sex—Male 69; Female, 50.

(b) Number Uncertified—2. (Inquests held.)

Death Returns—

What correction (if any) is made for non-residents dying within the District?—None.

Are any Returns obtained of deaths of residents occurring in public institutions, (Workhouses, Hospitals, &c.,) outside the District?—No.

Hospital for Infectious Diseases—

No. of Beds, 12. Charges to Patients—None.

Construction (Brick, Stone, Wood, Iron, Altered house or Cottage &c).—Wood.

Additions or alteration during 1894—None.

What Diseases are admitted?—Small Pox.

How many different diseases at one time?—One only.

Disinfection—

Apparatus (Steam? Hot-air?)—Hot-air. Work done in 1894—

Beds destroyed, bedding disinfected.

Sanitary Work—

Total number of Nuisances in hand at close of 1893—0 At close of 1894—3

Reported during 1894—20. Abated during 1894—17

Total Number of Summonses or other legal proceedings—None

House Drainage :- Number of Sinks disconnected during 1894—20 trapped 20

Closets—

Approximate number of each kind in District —W.C. 20. Earth, C. 300. Slop C. (Waste-Water C.) 0. Pail, Pan or Tub C. 12. Covered Privy Middens, 670. Uncovered Privy Middens—0. Number constructed during 1894—20. Kinds— Covered Privy Middens W.C., 2.

What action has been taken in regard to the following matters?—

Houses unfit for habitation—One case reported to S.A. No action taken by owner. Overcrowding—2 reported and abated.

Seizure of unsound Food—None. Prosecutions—None.

Samples taken for the Sale of Food and Drugs Act—None. Prosecutions—None.

River pollution—Samples of River water have been taken periodically and analysed prior to action about to be taken by Sanitary Authority.

Smoke Abatement—None.

Workshops—Inspected by M.O.H. and S.I.

W. M. ROBERTSHAW.



